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E.O. 12065: N/A
 TAGS: OGEN, SHUM, PA
 SUBJECT: INQUIRY BY SENATOR METZENBAUM RE MESSRS. MAIDANA AND ROA

" DEAR SENATOR METZENBAUM:

I AM WRITING WITH REGARD TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY FAIRBANKS' LETTER OF AUGUST 6 RESPONDING TO YOUR INQUIRY OF JULY 17 ON BEHALF OF YOUR CONSTITUENT, CONCERNING THE IMPRISONMENT OF ANTONIO MAIDANA CAMPOS AND EMILIO ROA ESPINOSA IN PARAGUAY.

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MR. MAIDANA, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE PARAGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP), DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA ON AUGUST 27, 1980. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED OVER TO PARAGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY HAS DENIED MR. MAIDANA'S PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE MEMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS.

MR. ROA, THE FORMER HEAD OF PARAGUAY'S COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION, ALSO DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES ON AUGUST 27, 1980. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY THAT IT HAS NO INFORMATION ON MR. ROA AND THAT HE IS NOT AND HAS NOT BEEN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY.

I REGRET THAT I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PERSON.

SINCERELY YOURS

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